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SUBJECT: IRANIAN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS

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1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH TOLD ME SEPTEMBER 28 THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL SADRIEH OF THE IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IS BACK IN KABUL AFTER VISITING ISLAMABAD. ACCORDING TO ABDULLAH, IN ISLAMABAD SADRIEH SAW BHUTTO, AZIZ AHMED AND AGHA SHAHI. BHUTTO TOLD SADRIEH THAT HE HAD GIVEN NO ULTIMATUM TO THE BALUCHIS, WOULD NOT KILL HIS OWN PEOPLE, WOULD BE PLEASED TO TALK WITH THE AFGHANS AND WAS SURPRISED THAT THE AFGHANS DO NOT WANT ANY PAK TERRIROT. SADRIEH SUGGESTED TO BHUTTO THAT HE HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE WOULD STATE THAT HE WOULD NOT BOMB BALUCHIS. SUBSEQUENTLY AGHA SHAHI TOLD SADRIEH THAT THE GOP WOULD HOLD TALKS WITH THE PUSHTUN AND BALUCHI LEADERS AND SADRIEH TOLD AGHA SHAHI THAT THE GOA WOULD BRING ITS INFLUENCE TO BEAR ON THE NAP TO MAKE THOSE TALKS SUCCESSFUL.

2. ABDULLAH SAID THAT SADRIEH WAS SUFFICIENTLY IMPRESSED

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WITH BHUTTO'S SINCERITY THAT HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE TO ABDULLAH

THAT THE LATTER WOULD NOT RAISE THIS MATTER AT THE UNGA.

3. ABDULLAH THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT ONE HOUR AFTER HE HAD FINISHED TALKING WITH SADRIEH HE HAD RECEIVED A REPORT FROM QUETTA OF HEAVY MILITARY OPERATIONS, INCLUDING BOMBING AND THE USE OF NAPALM BY PAKISTANI FORCES AGAINST THE BALUCHIS. HIS REPORT SAID THAT THERE ARE NOW 15,000 TROOPS IN BALUCHISTAN AND THAT A CURFEW HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON QUETTA.

4. ABDULLAH SAID THAT HE HAD ARRANGED FOR SADRIEH TO COME TO SEE HIM AGAIN TODAY, SEPTEMBER 28, SO THAT HE COULD ASK HIM HOW, IN LIGHT OF THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS, CAN BHUTTO BE BELIEVED. ABDULLAH WENT ON TO SAY TO ME THAT THE SITUATION IS GETTING INCREASINGLY SERIOUS, A LARGE INFLUX OF REFUGEES FROM BALUCHISTAN IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN AFGHANISTAN AND IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR THE GOA TO STAY CALM.
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